

LESSON

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RETEACHING WORKSHEET

Writing Dialogue

COPYMASTER

Review Dialogue is the conversation between characters in a story. Dialogue can relate story events and tell about characters. When you write dialogue, you show a **direct quotation**, or a character's exact words. Quotations must be enclosed in quotation marks. Explanatory words—such as *she replied*—must be set off with commas. Periods, ending commas, question marks and exclamation points always belong *inside* quotation marks.

Directions: Read each numbered passage. Look for errors. Circle the letter that names the type of error. Then **correct** the error in the passage.

1. "I wish I could see what's happening, Pedro said."
"C'mon," his father said, "you can get on my shoulders."
Once up high, Pedro grinned with delight. "What a great juggler this lady is!"
he cried.
 - a. wrong placement of quotation marks
 - b. punctuation missing or misplaced
 - c. wrong use of capital or small letter
 - d. wrong use of paragraph breaks
2. "I'm not sure I can take this," Kendra mumbled. "It's freaking me out to be up this high." "You wanted to come here," mom said, "up the Empire State Building."
"I did, but I don't like it, now."
 - a. wrong placement of quotation marks
 - b. punctuation missing or misplaced
 - c. wrong use of capital or small letter
 - d. wrong use of paragraph breaks
3. "Why does your uncle stutter?" Felicia asked.
Gerard looked at her, and then said a bit angrily, "he has a speech impediment."
"Um, sorry," Felicia said, feeling like a jerk.
 - a. wrong placement of quotation marks
 - b. punctuation missing or misplaced
 - c. wrong use of capital or small letter
 - d. wrong use of paragraph breaks
4. "I'm just not sure I want to see a film," the woman said.
"Well, then let's forget it"! the young man snapped back.
The sign flashed "WALK." The woman said, "Fine," and walked away.
 - a. wrong placement of quotation marks
 - b. punctuation missing or misplaced
 - c. wrong use of capital or small letter
 - d. wrong use of paragraph breaks

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5. “Aunt Chloë, can I have another snack?” Harry asked.
“Well, I think four brownies is enough” Aunt Chloë said.
“Maybe later.”
- a. wrong placement of quotation marks
 - b. punctuation missing or misplaced
 - c. wrong use of capital or small letter
 - d. wrong use of paragraph breaks